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Ms. Beryl Lipton
MuckRock News
Department MR 97168
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RE: MD Public Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Lipton:

The Office of Professional Responsibilities has received your request under the Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. ("GP") §§ 4-101–4-601, seeking records related to litigation or claims involving the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office for the period of January 1, 2010 to the present.

We received your request via email on June 29, 2020 and began to process it. I write now to advise you that it will take us more than 10 working days to produce the records, and to give you the date by which we expect to be able to do that, and to explain why we are unable to produce them more quickly. I write also to provide an estimate of the costs of producing the records.

With regard to the time it is taking to make the records available to you, it was necessary for us to forward your request to the agency that handles our claims, Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) to retrieve this information dating back to 2010. Then once we have received the information from LGIT we will need to review the data to determine if it contains any information that must be redacted to comply with provisions under the Act.

As for when we can make the records available, once we receive the pertinent reports from LGIT we expect that the review process will take less than two hours to complete, therefore in accordance with GP § 4-206(c) there will be no charge. I anticipate that we will be able to respond to your request on or before August 11, 2020. I do not yet know whether all of the records are subject to inspection, but, if any are to be withheld, the response will explain the reason for that.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions. I can be reached at 301-475-4200 ext. *8073.



Clayton Safford
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